

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Wellspring Revival Ministries****Federal Tax ID: 92-0164483****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Wellspring Revival Ministries - Repair and Paving Youth Center Parking Lot

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (7-11)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The Youth Center sits on a one acre lot that is currently unused, by paving the lot youth would be able to play basketball, ride bikes and skateboard outside.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$100,000)
Project Deficit:	\$100,000

*Funding Details:**2012 FNSB Matching Grant for AmeriCorps \$25,000**2012 Serve Alaska AmeriCorps grant \$225,701**Last fiscal year Jan-Dec 2011**2011 Earned Income \$46,210**2011 Charitable Contributions \$167,056***2011 Pick Click Give \$5,903**2011 Grant Revenue \$250,072*** AmeriCorps \$129,278*** SFSP \$22,278*** All other grants \$90,675*** Restricted gifts \$7,860***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Wellspring Revival Ministries operates Joel's Place Indoor Skate Park and Youth Center in Fairbanks, Alaska. About 800 youth passed through our doors in 2011, ages 10-20. We provide creative and adventurous seeking youth a good, positive outlet for their energy. This strength based youth center reaches young men and women who are at risk for suicide, substance abuse and other possibly unhealthy behaviors; 86% of our demographic are young men. In the summer months we are unable to draw the kids inside, where they have spent many hours in the winter. We believe that having our one acre lot landscaped to include paving will make Joel's Place the ideal destination for young skateboarders who would alternately street skate in the summer which poses hazardous safety issues.

We believe this will significantly reduce police calls at local Fairbanks businesses and at UAF, where skateboarders like to congregate. It will also mean they have access to a public restroom, the Alaska Summer Food Service Program for Children and Joel's Place staff who supervise the property. It will keep in tact the relationships that lead to resilience in the youth we serve.

Project Timeline:

1. Discuss project with contractor and engineer
2. July 2012 site plans by engineer
3. Paving of lot and fencing by September 2012, before the snow falls.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Wellspring Revival Ministries

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Linda Setterberg
Title: Executive Director
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



Proposal

To: Linda Setterberg

From: Jim Young

Address: Joel's Place

Fax: tennisfairbanks@gmail.com

Pages: 1

Phone:

Date: 1/29/12

Re: Joel's Place Site Improvements

CC:

We will furnish all the required materials, which we guarantee will be as specified, and we will perform all the labor required for the completion of:

Perform all work required to grade, place 4" Base Course and 2" Asphalt Pavement at Joel's Place as per site drawing received on January 27, 2012. Prices based on 20,250 square foot area.

The above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a workmanlike manner for the following amounts:

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	RATE	COST
Base Course D-1	SF	\$.95	\$ 19,240.00
2" Asphalt Pavement	SF	\$ 1.95	\$ 39,500.00

Changes in the above specifications may be made only upon written agreement, and extra charges will be made. All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. You are to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance upon above work. Our workers are fully covered by Workman's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance. This proposal may be withdrawn by us at any time before acceptance.

Respectfully Submitted, Great Northwest, Inc. by: James A. Young

Acceptance

The above prices, specifications and conditions are accepted. Payments will be made net 30 days after completion of the work unless otherwise specified. Great Northwest, Inc. has right to lien this property if terms are not met.

Accepted by:

Signature:

Date:

Feb. 3, 2012,

To whom this may concern:

I, Emma Milam, do send this letter in support of Joel's Place. I arrived in Fairbanks, April 15, 2009 shortly after the 10 year Anniversary of Joel's Place. I wasn't sure why I was in Fairbanks, except that my husband had said he liked it and wanted to move to Fairbanks. The day after we arrived we began searching for apartments in the newspaper. This same newspaper had a full front page cover article about Joel's Place and their 10 year Anniversary. My eyes kept being drawn to that article and the pictures. I wanted to read it so bad but I knew We had to find a place to live first. Success in our search that day allowed me the opportunity to read the article. I read that article with tears in my eyes. This wasn't the first time God had given me a large sign to get me where he wanted to go. But once again, God had chosen to use something large to get my attention. I had felt drawn to Alaska all of my life and since 2004 I had felt drawn here for the youth. Now, while reading that article I was seeing the fulfillment of my dreams. Dreams that I had envisioned as a teenager of a place for youth to go, to be safe, to be loved, to learn of God's love, to have fun and have the opportunity to be young. This was Joel's Place.

On Monday, I went to Joel's Place and let them know, I was ready willing and able to work or volunteer. I knew if they were working with teens they would need help, you always need help. I began by coming and just being there, watching the youth, encouraging them, complimenting them and just trying to develop relationships with them. In time, after volunteering to do anything, I landed the job of my dreams, working with youth in a faith based youth center.

From the very beginning, those relationships began to form and I was given opportunities to share with, minister too, encourage and just in general bless youth. In the 2.5 years that I have been here I have witnessed, youth making better choices in their lives, choices to come to JP rather than drinking, doing drugs etc. I have heard them thank us for being open, complain when we are closed and tell us that if it had not been for JP they would be making some seriously bad choices on a daily basis. They have stated that JP was their saving grace, their salvation.

I have seen hungry youth fed, depressed youth encouraged, crying youth comforted, energetic youth burn that energy, and happy youth encouraged to stay that way. At Joel's Place we have developed relationships with youth who come on a regular basis, many who come every day we are open. We sustain those relationships face to face, via facebook and other forms of social media. But the real need is met face to face, in the trenches. We encourage youth to stay in school, graduate, and become assets to our community. As these youth grow up we see the seeds planted are beginning to sprout, grow and bloom.

Each summer we have sought to meet one other challenge. That is getting the skateboarders and BMX'ers off the streets and parking lots where they are essentially a nuisance to business owners and police. We want to develop an outdoor park at Joel's Place, one that will become the "Go To" spot in town.

If Joel's Place were the "Go To" spot in town we could extend our influence to the youth in the summer. We could continue those relationships which help build developmental assets in our youth. This would allow us to increase the number of adults who would be positive role models in the lives of these youth. There would be continued interaction with the youth in the summer time, increasing our influence in their lives.

If the state of Alaska decides to fund this park in Fairbanks, it would show the youth that their community, their state takes pride in their youth, their future and the youth would feel that the adults care about them. We, Joel's Place would set boundaries and monitor the behavior of the youth. Teaching them ways to be responsible, to do well in life and show restraint. We would continue to encourage, honesty, integrity and the many other developmental assets that are so important in the lives of our youth.

Thank you for funding this project and supporting our youth, the leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Emma Milam
Program Director
Joel's Place

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"A Way out of a Hard Life"
by Eleanor age 16 from Fairbanks

Filled with love and pain.
Love of drugs and alcohol that filled the pain,
Pain of hugs with drugs,
People don't get how once started you're hooked for life,
The medicine and expensive drugs to help your problems go away are not working so far, didn't
think that far, huh?
There's a place called Joel's Place. Joel's Place; the safe place.
Back in the woods is not much of a safe place.
Just back, back, back... Down the block is where kids that like drugs get high.
If I'm at Joel's and away from drugs, at least I know I'm safe.
Hope the kids know that are screwing their lives now, there is always help when needed.
The help is called "Joel's Place".
Joel's Place; safe place.
It's safe and fun, get attached to the children of God.
Joel's Place makes you feel strong and start turning your life around and begin the new life.
The new life with God and his precious children.
No one deserves to be hit and abused.
Especially abusing the drugs into their own system.
I got help when I really needed it.
Joel's place helped me.
They are my family, awesome family.
(It's a place that is safe, but when choosing not to be safe... is your choice.)
I couldn't fight the drugs myself.
I felt as if I took one step away from the bad habits when entering Joel's Place.
God is watching over us all.
Don't let anyone tell you he is not.
Truly, he is.
I love him; he loves me.
Same with every other single living thing in the entire world.
He died on that cross for us.
I want my voice to be heard, I know you want to be heard too.

Live, laugh, love



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FENCEWORKS

02/01/2012

TO: Joel's Place

Attn: Linda Setterberg

Re: Fence Quote: Enclose Frontage of lot and Basketball Court, 1890 Marika Road, Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Scott Colledge

Linda,

Denali Fenceworks, LLC is quoting as follows:

- Estimate to furnish and install 329 lineal feet of 6-foot high Industrial Link™ fencing in "redwood"; includes one ea. 20-foot wide double drive gate; one ea. 6-foot wide gate and one ea. 4-foot wide gate at 1890 Marika Road:

Installed Price per above: \$11,760.00

Thanks for the opportunity to price this for you; please call me at 907- 474-9542 with any questions.

Sincerely,
DENALI FENCEWORKS, LLC

Scott W. Colledge
Operations/Estimator

January 12, 2012

This letter is of support for outdoor improvements at Joel's Place youth center. Activities for youth encourage community involvement among youth as well their parents. As witnessed as a former employee, and current board member, teens who were provided with after school safe places and activities were less likely to be involved in drug abuse, and receive suicide prevention support. My enthusiasm for the improvements for Joel's Place's outdoor spaces would provide better access for activities such as basketball, and skating as well as assisting in preventing juvenile delinquency. The outdoor improvements would be a community benefit!

Sincerely,

Kay Patersson

Kay Patersson
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Saldha Resident

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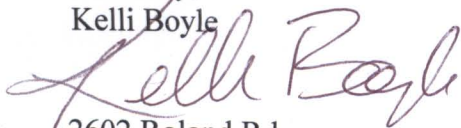
To Whom It May Concern:

If Joel's Place were just a youth center, providing a year-round skate and bike park, concerts, and a safe, fun place for young people in Fairbanks; that would be enough to earn my support. However, Joel's Place is so much more than that. Along with the typical activities you would expect to find in a youth center, Joel's Place meets basic needs by providing a free, hot meal 6 days a week, as well as providing youth with nutritious food to take home throughout the summer. They maintain a clothing closet called "Clothing For The Greater Good", which is accessible not only to the youth at Joel's Place but also to the community at large through events like homeless connect. Another program, Project Safety Net, is part of the National Safe Place program that aligns local businesses with a safe place center where kids can call if they are in need of help. And finally, through their Americorps program, dozens of young people each year are given the opportunity to serve in our community, earn valuable employment and basic life skills, and earn an education award to help them with college. Along with these programs, Joel's Places provides information and referrals for mental health and medical services, housing, employment and other important resources in our community.

At its core, however, Joel's Place is a youth center that attracts young people because it's a fun place to be. The amenities that make it attractive need to be improved in order to keep the kids coming. Joel's Place sits on a large piece of land with the potential to expand its activities with an outdoor skatepark, basketball courts, or any number of things to keep teens busy throughout the year. I support the land improvements at Joel's Place youth center, because I know that it will benefit the youth in Fairbanks in so many more ways than just a place to hang out and have fun.

Sincerely,

Kelli Boyle



2602 Roland Rd

Fairbanks, AK 99709

1/5/12

Dear Joel's Place Supporters,

I support Joel's Place because as a mother and business owner I know it is important to have safe places our youth can go for recreation and socialization. I have raised my family in Fairbanks and two of my sons were very active at Joel's Place. The oldest was interested in music and enjoyed the concerts and being in a band there. He brought his friends there and met new friends there, including his wife. My second son is a skate boarder and has appreciated the indoor skate park at Joel's Place. In the summer, he and his friends search town for outdoor places to skate, often times choosing inappropriate locations. They are not welcome in most of the places they choose. They have been cussed out and chased off, even arrested at UAF once for skate boarding. As a business owner, I understand them not being welcome everywhere. But as a mother, I really appreciate them being welcome at Joel's Place. It will be great when Joel's Place can add on and include an outdoor place for the youth to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Leslie Huffman

R & D Environmental, Inc.

Residence: 271 E. Birch Hill Rd
Fairbanks, AK 99712

January 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for Joel's Place Skatepark and Youth Center. Every time I think of Joel's Place, I am thankful for all the years I have benefitted from the work they do there. I was one of the original Joel's Place teens and I have to say that Joel's Place changed my life. I was painfully shy and after volunteering as a teen, I was able to be more talkative and make lifelong friends.

Joel's Place is an essential pillar in the community and one of the only places in Fairbanks in which youth can come and release pent up energy in a safe, nurturing environment. I have seen many of the regular youth that come in day after day change from being at risk of failing school or delinquency, to excelling and attributing their success to the support and incentive from Joel's Place.

If the youth center was able to build outdoor activities and expand on the programs that are already in place, I feel as though many more youth can be helped to reach their full potential, even in to adulthood.

These and many more examples that I see in my own life, are the reason I fully support Joel's Place and their programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rhema Demoski". The script is cursive and fluid.

Rhema Demoski

Contact Information:

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Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Email from January 23, 2012

Linda,

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. Late last week I was looking into what may exist in your neighborhood regarding drainage. It appears that the City has some drainage inlets on the south side of Marika Rd but not sure if anything exists on your side of the street. It doesn't appear that anything exists on Burgess Ave. Figuring out where to put the water run-off is a problem at times.

Regarding survey and basic drainage plan costs. I estimate a total cost of about \$4500.00. That includes a day of field survey work, it could take less, but not much and hopefully not more. And, I have budgeted 3 days in the office to figure things out. Office time is the biggest unknown because we don't know where things may lead us till we get the field survey work done. We propose to perform this work on an hourly basis at our standard billing rates. My estimate is based on performing the survey field work in the spring or summer when the ground is not covered with snow. This estimate does not include construction staking for GNW, but much of the time they do this themselves, or it would be included in their cost.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to email or call me.

Thank you for your request.

Jim

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February 4, 2012

I'm a grand parent, founding volunteer & friend of Joel's Place. I'd like for you to understand the perspective I have from my friendship with this Faith Based Youth Outreach. Joel's Place is a "Heart Place". It means so many things to so many people but the one thing that all can agree upon is that 'love' is in this place and it will eventually grab your heart for keeps. Joel's Place is literally 'home' to many of the kids that come. It's a safe place. Staff & volunteers pass background checks in order to work here. More importantly, the Heart Attitude is checked by a discerning staff as Joel's Place was birthed out of love for kids that just don't have enough love in their lives. It's a ministry without a tag. It's a place where unwanted kids are wanted. They know your name here. Kids want to come back ... and do. It's family. It's home.

We have been so blessed to receive funding from all walks of life in the Fairbanks area & beyond. We are grateful that over 800 youth came through the doors of Joel's Place this past year. As the outreach has grown - so have the needs. Our busy, fun seeking kids have worn out the skate park that was built for them in 2005. These kids have used their energy & their talents to work, learn to give & not just receive, care for others, follow safe rules & in doing so many have found purpose & meaning for their very existence. As we move with the kids - our facility must keep up. We are presently in the process of pulling out old ramps & putting in the new. Joel's Place vision grew as did the number of kids we serve. All of this is a regular part of our activities- music, bands, music lessons, clothing, showers, personal products, video gaming, pool tables, expression of art, a cafe serving dinner every evening, opportunities to learn to sew & knit, arts & crafts, volunteer youth church as well as the fulfilled dream of a Skate/BMX Park. As one kiddo stated: "Joel's Place has everything I like - under one roof". That one statement from a little boy made my heart smile & let me know that we were doing exactly what we were supposed to be doing - offering food, love, support & a safe but fun place where lots of unwanted, loud & unruly kids felt at home. That's the Heart of Joel's Place ... and I'm so grateful it beats in our city & now my Grandson can have a place "where everything he likes - is under one roof".

As we've grown - we see another need. The kids head outdoors in our beautiful summers in the Interior. They take their skateboards. Sadly they are met with rejection on most every corner. Signs bombard them "No Skateboarding Here" ... and rightly so - it isn't safe. They get hurt. They aren't wanted. They endanger themselves & others only in their quest to carry on what they've been doing safely inside all winter. There's no food available, no supervision & no rides home. It's time. We need an outdoor skate park. I've shared with you the Heart of Joel's Place ... and my heart as well. An outdoor skate park is our love gift not only to the kids of Fairbanks but to the business owners of our city. We don't want our adrenaline filled youth endangering our streets, our businesses or our kids. We are asking once again for your favor in helping us fund this important project to benefit the youth in our community.

Lisa Danielson, BSW
Fairbanks, AK

